

Behavioral Health Advisory Council

2104 W Laburnum Ave, Richmond, VA 23227

October 19th, 2016

- I. Attendance
Present: Lisette Carbajal, Katharine Hunter, Livia Jansen, Margaret Anne Lane, Mike Olsen, Rhonda Thissen, Ron Pritchard, Shatada Floyd-White, Bruce Crusier, Mary Beth Walsh, Malaina Poore, William Hart, Heather Seaman, Calendria Jones, Karen Kallay, Jane Ellis, Betsy Lalla, Lynn Lull, Amanda Rode, Robin Hairfield.
Absent: Sherry Confer, Lisa Wooten, Patricia Parham, Sandra O'Dell, Kathleen Levenston, Jenny Heilborn, Marjorie Yates, Larry Almarode, Rita Girard, Lee Peebles.
- II. Guests
Sarah Rudden
- III. Opening of Business
Council President, Amanda Rode, called the meeting to order at 10:10am.
- IV. Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment
Went around the room and made introductions. Lynn Lull gave an update about Hope In Motion; there have been five trained peers and a few secured employment at Chesapeake behavioral health as peer specialists. Malaina Poore from VOCAL announced their WRAP training.
- V. Approval of Minutes
Ron Pritchard moved to accept the minutes as written, Katharine Hunter seconded. Minutes were approved as written.
- VI. Financial Update
Bruce Crusier went over the financial report. We will have remaining funds, Rhonda Thissen stated she has to find out if the funds can be carried over into the next fiscal year. There was discussion about hiring a facilitator for a SWOT analysis. A clarification was made about the DBHDS Recovery Conference; BHAC was listed as a sponsor, but there were no funds transferred for that purpose.
- VII. SAMHSA Block Grant Conference Summary and TA Update
Amanda Rode discussed her experience and take-aways from the SAMHSA Block Grant Conference. She mentioned an smart phone application that effectively coordinates help for a person when they become triggered. Ron Pritchard mentioned he had more information about applications that were similar to that, he will send the information to Sarah Rudden to send out to the Council. Amanda reported that we are not the only Council who is struggling. A few of the other Council executive members she talked to mentioned they identify the gaps in services and focus on those to influence change.
The Council will have to reapply for the technical assistance grant because it's now being covered by a different contract.
- VIII. DBHDS Update

Rhonda Thissen gave an informative presentation on how the application and grant process works and how the funds are distributed. There was a discussion about the role of the Council within that process; to advise where we think the money should go.

IX. Presentation

Rhonda Thissen continued the second half of her presentation and the Council decided to put off the brainstorming session until there has been a SWOT analysis done. Ron Pritchard moved to postpone SWOT until February, Karen Kallay seconded. Motion so moved.

X. Adjourn

Ron Pritchard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Calendria Jones seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.